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## DEFINITION—NO FUSION

Our friend of The Fayetteville Observer discusses "fusion, co-operation, coalition" and seeks the definition for "fusion." It says the Messenger favors "co-operation" but opposes "fusion." We use the words as ordinarily understood in North Carolina politics. A leading English dictionary (not American) defines "fusion" as "union as if by melting together." The Messenger is opposed to impairing the solidity of the grand old democratic party—its opposition to abandoning its fundamental principles. It is opposed to trades for office. It is opposed to forcing men, as is the case now in New York city, of one set of principles to vote for men of the very opposite and antagonizing principles. It is opposed to putting the party in the fires of politics that it may be reduced to "a state of fluidity," and subjecting another and opposing party to the same fires, reduce it to a similar fluid condition and thus create or cause an unnatural, absurd, dishonest "union as if by melting together" two such antagonizing parties. The Messenger was not last year and is not this year favorable to anything like "fusion" with any other party. It will always gladly welcome the support of men who wish to co-operate in the blessed, noble work of restoration. The old democracy stands forth the representative of long tested principles. It has done a great, a most important work for the south, for North Carolina since General Lee surrendered at Appomattox. It has saved whatever of civilization we now have, and it is the only hope under heaven of an honest, faithful, capable, just, economical government in this state and in the entire south. The Messenger, therefore, is for maintaining intact the party of the people. It is for keeping strong its bulwarks, and for maintaining in unbroken order its organization. It therefore, opposes anything like "fusion," whether it be with the negroes, or with their allies. It is entirely favorable to opening wide its doors to all returning prodigals. It is against the introduction of a Shillibille, as a test. If any men—white republican, negro or prohibition, or glibly feel inclined to vote with the democracy to restore order and law and economy and honest government, we think it wise to accept the help without testing him as to this or that particular principle. All along men calling themselves democrats, but steadfast protectionists have harmonized in elections and supported the democratic nominees who represented a low tariff and violently opposed the whole dishonest and oppressive robber system. The Messenger believes that the farthest step the democratic party ought to take or can safely take, is to invite the aid of all men who antagonize black radicalism—the dominion of the black and tan—led on by white deserters—the rule of ignorance and superstition and dishonesty in North Carolina, to co-operate with them to that extent in wiping out the present baleful, disgraceful state of things and eradicating the political and social gangrene. No "fusion" for The Messenger. It may be sentimental politics not to betray or sacrifice your principles, but we are old fashioned enough to hold to that civic and political virtue. We wish to say that we do not mean to be drawn in discussion with democrats as to the best policy. We think it very early to be disputing over the best way to do good and help save the state.

## SENATOR GORMAN'S LETTER TO MR. ABELL

The Messenger purposed two or three days ago noticing the letter of Senator Gorman to the owner of the Baltimore Sun, but some how the reply of The Sun had disappeared from the copy furnished. The letter of the astute, able senator and wily party manager has been much commented upon and nearly all of the articles that have come under our eye are in commendation of the senator's course. The one paper we have seen that unfavorably criticizes Gorman is The Chicago Record. We are rather surprised that in Baltimore so much under the influence of The Sun, that prominent democrats, as well as those throughout the state, heartily commend the proposition of the senator to retire from the active leadership of the party, provided Abell and his followers will again support the party. This is the substance of a dispatch sent from Baltimore on the 17th instant to the Philadelphia Times, a staunch and able old organ. We take it that its correspondent truly reflects public sentiment in Maryland. The correspondent sends this also:

"While declining to further discuss at this time The Sun's reply to his letter, the senator predicts the success of his party in the coming election. He says that reports from the counties headquarters are very encouraging, and show that the party workers are

pulling together. \* \* The republicans and anti-Gorman democrats call the senator's letter a political trick to advance his boom for re-election."

Intelligent readers of The Messenger know that Mr. Gorman has not been its model of a statesman, and has censured his course particularly as to the tariff. That he is a very decidedly able man even The Sun could hardly have the effrontery to deny. That he is a party manager of the first rank is true. He is a man of great resource as a machine manipulator and ingenious beyond almost any politician in the democratic ranks. His proposition to Abell is a fine instance and example of skill and tact as well as positive ingenuity.

The whole gist of the correspondence turns on the fact that The Sun has fought Gorman with great personal dislike and bitterness of spirit. It has been out of gear with the democratic party since 1893, as all know who have studied its ways and deliverances. It has been a very servile follower and organ of ex-President Cleveland, and refused to sustain Gorman because of his antagonism to Cleveland. The proposition of Gorman to his angry and fierce enemy is for The Sun to support the democratic party and for him to retire from active leadership. He had already given it out that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the senate.

Mr. Gorman seeks to unite his party again in Maryland and get the state from under baleful republican rule. Abell's paper carried Maryland for the republicans. That Gorman means well in his startling proposition of amity no one who is fair will probably deny. We notice that Chairman Vandiver, of the state democratic committee, says Senator Gorman's letter "is recognized by every fair-minded man as a sincere and honest declaration. He is reported as saying of both the Sun and The News, each claiming to be democratic, that they 'will find it difficult to pull the wool over the eyes of the people by ridiculing and belittling the senator's motives. He has made a fair, square proposition to the Abells, and their bitterness toward him personally is made clearly apparent in their abusive answer. Their attempt to cast ridicule upon a serious subject will deceive no one except themselves.'"

It is well known to all Baltimoreans that but for the Sun the city of Baltimore with its 500,000 inhabitants, would be today democratic. The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle, ex-Senator Walsh's paper, says that The Sun more than any other agency, is responsible, as Senator Gorman says, for the present republican domination of Maryland. The explanation given of this paradox is that though Mr. Abell and his family own The Sun, backed by many millions of dollars, he has virtually, if not actually, surrendered its political control to a very intellectual lawyer named Thomas W. Hall. It is even reported that Abell voted last year the democratic ticket while his paper antagonized. Curious that, if true. If Mr. Gorman's plan could be honestly and fairly carried out it would result in the complete overthrow of the republicans, and they know it. The able organ of the Indiana democrats, the old Indianapolis Sentinel, discussing Gorman's proposition to Abell to defeat the enemy of the people of Maryland, says this:

"The Sun is a very able paper, and has great influence in Maryland, but it is entirely out of line with the democratic party and has denounced Bryanism in the strongest terms. At the same time it professes equal dislike for McKinleyism and a desire for democratic control of Maryland. Mr. Gorman is probably guilty of all that has been charged against him in the way of boresman, and lack of faith in democratic principles as to coinage, tariff and other issues, but he has always stood by the party and endeavored to secure the vote of Maryland for Bryan last year, when The Sun did all it could to prevent it. Now Mr. Gorman offers to eliminate his personality from the campaign if Mr. Abell will take his place. That would dispose of 'Gormanism,' and give Mr. Abell every opportunity to fight 'Bryanism' in Maryland. The party platform offers no hindrance to Abell's acceptance but does he dare accept it?"

This is in accord with the facts as we understand them. There is no doubt, as we have said, of the ingenuity of the Gorman proposal, and we do not think there is really any good reason for doubting his sincerity. He can bring back Maryland into the democratic column if The Sun will allow the plan suggested to work. The Birmingham, Ala., Age-Herald is one of the leaders in that state. It is very plain spoken and refers to Abell as Gorman's "idiotic mugwump enemy," and commends the senator for his letter.

## BABY'S SMOOTH, FAIR SKIN

### A Grateful Mother Writes this Letter—

Tells all about Her Troubles when

Baby Broke out with Scrofula Sores.

"At the age of two months, my baby began to have sores break out on his right cheek. We used all the external applications that we could think of or hear of, to no avail. The sores spread all over one side of his face. We consulted a physician and tried his medicine, and in a week the sore was gone. But to my surprise in two weeks more another scrofulous looking sore appeared on baby's arm. It grew worse and worse, and when he was three months old, I began giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla. I also took Hood's Sarsaparilla, and before the first bottle was finished, the sores were well and have never returned. He is now four years old, but he has never had any sign of those scrofulous sores since he was cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, for which I feel very grateful. My boy owes his good health and smooth, fair skin to this great medicine." Mrs. S. S. WROZEN, Farmington, Delaware. Get only Hood's.

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ter. It says that Abell has not really voted for a democrat in ten years and adds:

"It is the duty of the 'democrats' of Maryland to return Senator Gorman to the senate. He is one of the best friends the south has ever had in that body. He it was who killed all the force bills that have come up for passage in the senate within the past fifteen years."

Whatever the real motives of Gorman and Abell The Messenger would like to see harmony restored to the democracy in Maryland, as in North Carolina, that both states may be rescued from the clutches of the party that is doing so much to injure both states. "In union there is strength."

## A NEW NORTH CAROLINA BOOK THAT WILL BE READ

Mr. E. S. Simmons, a well known lawyer of Washington, N.C., has been for some time engaged in the preparation of a work which is an attempt to find "A solution of the race problem in the South." We learn that it is now completed and will be published in a volume of some 150 pages, with thirty illustrations additional. We have not seen the work and can, of course, give no opinion of its merits. Mr. Simmons is a young lawyer of good parts, and is, thoughtful and inquiring in the qualities of his mind. We have before us an outline of the discussion which occupies fifteen chapters. It begins with a review of the situation on the subject already before the public, and shows the reasons for the failure of all plans proposed. The second chapter grapples with the "Race feeling in the South." The third, discusses "Can the negro be civilized?" The fourth considers "The negro capacity for local self-government and separate existence." The fifth discusses "The negro as a barrier to industrial progress in the South." One of the points here raised is that "the act of freeing him was the act of the union, this being so, the whole people of this union should have contributed to his education. The south having done it for thirty-two years, it is now time the whole union should assist, which could only be done with the negroes living to themselves." In the seventh chapter an important question is discussed—"Does education educate?" The eighth chapter contains "Political consequences in the South." Then in the remaining chapters other questions naturally following those are presented for the consideration of the reader. Among other questions discussed is "The tale of the failure without and with colonization." The book if well argued, and we may well believe it is, will be read with interest and may excite much discussion. We incline to think that his plan of colonization will not be accepted even and not work. But we will not anticipate the publication of the book itself. We hope Mr. Simmons will be well rewarded for his industry, devotion and ability. He is known to us through others as a young man deserving of the friendship and patronage of the people.

## LITERARY GOSSIP

Several of the New York city preachers have given free opinions of Hall Caine's "The Christian"—his last novel—and all but one condemn it and, in severe terms. He is severely handled for writing such a book with such a title. They do not think his hero by any manner of means a Christian of any very Scriptural type, but fanatical and quite earthly.

Professor H. A. White, D.D. Ph. D. of Washington and Lee university, Virginia, has written a life of Robert E. Lee, for the series published by a New York house called "Heroes of Nations." Dr. White is a scholarly and gifted man and we are glad he has written a small one volume of the peerless hero. Long's big volume costs too much. We learn that Dr. White stands up bravely and ably for the cause of the south in the great war. There are too many apologists now, too many who are woefully ignorant of the real causes and events that led to the war. A study of Dr. Dabney's able book, of Bledoe's "Is Jeff. Davis a Traitor," of President Davis's work on the war; of Vice President Stephens's work would help to a thorough comprehension of the questions at issue and of the importance of knowing just what occurred.

We like this which is from the London Athenaeum, one of the three or four great literary weeklies of England. It is about the editor of another literary journal, Literature, the well known London critic Mr. H. D. Thraill. It says:

"Critics are of as many kinds as the writers upon whom they sit in judgment. There are 'slipshod and roughshod' critics, fantastic critics, dainty critics, critics who 'pay attention to style,' and many other varieties. Rare, but eminently refreshing when we come across him, is the common-sense critic—not, indeed, the kind that parades that quality, and is apt to lapse into uncommon nonsense, but he who, with powers of expression beyond the average, tries to put himself at the point of view occupied by the average intelligent man. Of this class Mr. Thraill has long been the ablest living representative. It is not perhaps the most popular form of literary criticism."

There is need of such writing as that for five or six men who write literary criticisms in England and the United States for reviews, magazines, weeklies and daily newspapers, are either hasty in judgment, incompetent, insincere or destitute of true taste and insight. Nine out of ten of their opinions are reversed before two years. A "common-sense critic" is a treasure. One of these is Richard Henry Stoddard, an aged northern poet of merit. He is quite apt to be sane and sound. We hardly know his equal in those par-

ticulars although there are many others as able or abler.

It is interesting to know that John Stewart Mill, the philosopher, was, strange to say, one of the very first of Englishmen to recognize Tennyson's poetic genius—while literary men like John G. Lockhart and Kit North were damning the young poet, Mill praised him warmly. A recent reviewer of Mill's "Early Essays" writes as follows:

"It is not by any means the least of our obligations to the author of these essays that he discovered Tennyson for his generation and the reprint of his original review (now more than sixty years old) of Tennyson's first two volumes of poems will most probably prove to be of more general interest than anything else in the volume."

Swinburne in a recent critical essay refers to the great Samuel Taylor Coleridge as "one of the very greatest poets that ever glorified the world." It is not the "fashion" now to write in so laudatory a strain of the author of two or three of the most original poems in our language. Dr. Thomas Arnold held that Coleridge had the highest mind of any Englishman since Milton. We do regard Swinburne as a good critic although a poet of rare splendor and perfection of technique. He refers to clever Leigh Hunt, a very enjoyable writer of the first half of the century, as "one of the finest and surest critics of poetry, himself an admirable and memorable poet, unequalled in his own line of terse and pathetic narrative." There is not much exaggeration in all that. Hunt was more of a genius than the critics of the present time usually accord to him.

Mr. E. C. Stedman promises to live longer in his verse than in his famous volume of criticism upon the "Victorian Poets" or any of his other prose writings. We confess to but little acquaintance with his poetry. What we have read is picturesque, melodious, marked with clarity and simplicity and yet intellectually impressive. He has a new volume, as was mentioned recently, called "Poems Now First Collected." The poet critic Stoddard says, and he is fully entitled to speak:

"There is one kind of poetry in which Mr. Stedman so clearly surpasses all American and English poets who have cultivated it that it might seem at first to be one in which best expresses the individuality of his genius—his natural note, as one may say, and that is the kind that occupies a middle ground between the humorous and the pathetic—the kind into which the young Holmes allowed himself to stray in 'The Last Leaf,' the elder Thackeray in 'Ho, Praed' in his 'Everyday Characters.' We have an exquisite, a perfect example of it in 'Cousin Lucrece,' and a lesser but still charming one in 'Huntington House.'"

Mr. Stedman is a "purely lyrical poet" says the critic. He is a poet to cultivate for he has some high qualities to commend him and interest the reader of poetic taste. We have several of his poems lying before us from the new volume.

The novels that lead in sale in the reading centres, the larger cities, for August were "The Christian," "The Choir Invisible," "Soldiers of Fortune," "Ouro Vadis" and "The Martian." Bulwer still lives and deserves it for his best novels are very fine. A new edition of his novels is to be issued in twenty-eight volumes, illustrated, price \$12.50 a volume. He is one of the very best novelists of the second rank, and many of them are extremely enjoyable.

## HOME FOLKS.

We notice that one of the interesting relics displayed at the soldier's reunion at Boston, Georgia, was a linen collar worn by Captain Z. B. Vance in the war. It was picked up and preserved by J. L. Hendricks, of Ocoke, Ga. This is stated in a dispatch in The Charlotte Observer from Boston, Georgia.

An association has been organized in North Carolina known as the North Carolina Forest Association. A circular received from three of the persons organizing it, states that "the object of the association is to secure better protection against fires for the timber lands of this state, especially for the pine lands of the eastern counties, both through more effective legislation and the education of public sentiment. Also to consider methods of re-production of the valuable timber trees of the state, and the improvement in the condition of the woodland, so as to place it upon a paying basis." This has the hearty indorsement of The Messenger. It has been for a long time trying to protect the timbered lands and to induce the state to have a re-planting day so as to re-timber the vacant lands not needed for cultivation. The committee state that over 2,000,000 acres are "waste land" now mainly because of the destructive fires. A meeting for permanent organization is called at Raleigh on the 21st instant. Let all interested attend.

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## Chief Engineer Was Slow

A western railroad having its headquarters in Chicago was recognized and some new officials were brought on from the east, says the Chicago Record. There was a readjustment of titles and the superintendent evolved a system by which the duties of every employee were to be most clearly understood.

John Connors, who had helped to build the road, and who had been on the pay-roll for years, was advanced to the title of master mechanic and superintendent of maintenance of way.

About a week after his appointment he was hastily summoned to the office and was given an order:

"To John Connors, master mechanic and superintendent of maintenance of way: This is to inform you that culvert No. 163, in section No. 14, one and one-half (1 1/2) miles east of Elmer, has been destroyed by fire. You will proceed with all possible haste to the chief engineer, who will provide you with the necessary plans and specifications. By requisition on the purchasing agent you will be enabled to secure such material as is necessary, and the superintendent of motive power will place at your disposal."

There were other directions, but when John Connors had read this far he folded the letter and put it in his pocket. "That's what we call the Wilson culvert," said he; "I'll find it."

That was Saturday. On Monday morning the general superintendent came to his office at 10 o'clock, pushed a bell and directed the private secretary to order the special messenger to summon the master mechanic and superintendent of maintenance of way.

John Connors came to the office. "Mr. Connors," began the general superintendent, "have you received from the chief engineer the plans and specifications for that new culvert in section No. 14?"

"I'll tell you," replied the master mechanic and superintendent of maintenance of way; "the bridge is done and the trains have been running since daylight, but I haven't seen the picture of it."

## Marvelous Results

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gundersen, of Mimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Rives Junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeding the Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last for hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

## Little Things

In an English dockyard a great ship was to be launched. An immense crowd had gathered to see it glide down the slides that were to carry it into the water. The blocks and wedges were knocked away; but the massive ship did not stir. Just then a little boy ran forward and began to push the ship with all his might. The crowd broke out into a laugh; but it so happened that the vessel was almost ready to move; the few pounds pushed by the boy were only needed to start it, and away it went into the water. Now that was a little thing, but you see what it did. Oftentimes the little things you do not seem of much account. But they are. One spring morning a little boy planted a single seed in a bank of earth. It grew, budded, and blossomed into sweet blue violets unseen by the child planter. It also seeded, and the seed fell out upon the bank of earth, and next spring more violets grew; and so for years, increasing every season. The boy, grown a man in a foreign land, desired to visit his child's home. When he saw the bank of violets he remembered how, years before, he had planted there a single seed. "Can it be," he said, "that all these have sprung from the single seed I planted? I will never waste a single seed." O, remember the importance of little things!—Selected.

Colonel Watterson continues to go about with the dark end of the Kentucky situation glued to his eye.—Washington Post.

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